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## Wood County's Older Population

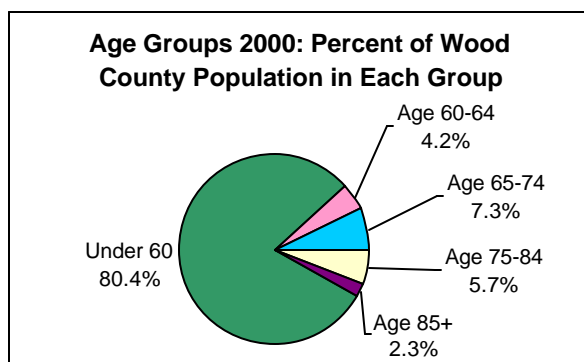
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Wood County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.3% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (11.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 11,596 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,750 of these are age 85 or older. Wood County's average (or median) age is 38.0 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Wood County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	75,555		73,605		1,950	2.6%
Persons 60 and over	14,798	19.6%	13,530	18.4%	1,268	9.4%
Persons 65 and over	11,596	15.3%	10,438	14.2%	1,158	11.1%
Persons 85 and over	1,750	2.3%	1,261	1.7%	489	38.8%



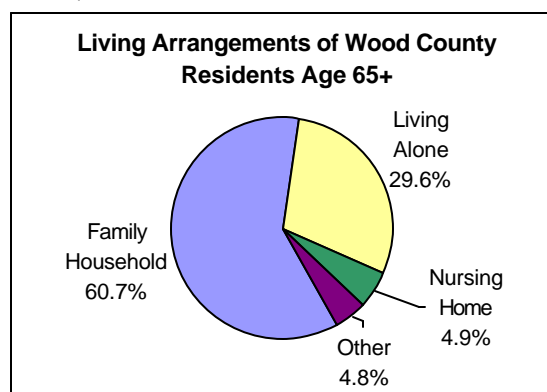
### Race:

A large majority (99.1%) of Wood County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Wood County African Americans have a median age of 21.1 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 18.4 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.6 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 30,135 households in Wood County, 7,738 include at least one person age 65 or older (25.7% of all households). A total of 7,302 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 75.4% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.6% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.6% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 564 people age 65 and older live in Wood County nursing homes (4.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



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**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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